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Service chiefs stress need for modernization

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WASHINGTON — “We cannot mortgage future readiness,” Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Henry Shelton told the Senate Armed Services Committee Sept. 27.

“We are collectively robbing Peter to pay Paul, or robbing modernization, which is long-term readiness, to pay for current readiness,” Shelton said. The chairman testified along with other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They stressed shortfalls in modernization accounts throughout DoD.

The members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff say current readiness is fine, but the military will need more money to fund modernization programs.

Shelton said the “first-to-fight” forces of the U.S. military are undoubtedly ready to fight. But, he said,



Shelton

many other units are not. “For example, the airborne tanker fleet, our strategic airlift fleet and our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance units, all of which provide crucial capabilities to our warfighting

forces ... are not as ready,” he told the senators.

He said these strategic units and other combat support and combat service support units — along with the training base — are “in some cases suffering the consequences of resources that have been redirected to sustain the near-term readiness of our first-to-fight forces.”

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Jones, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vernon Clark and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan echoed the chairman’s remarks.

“The price for achieving that kind of readiness in our early deploying units has been to accept risk elsewhere in the force,” Shinseki said. “First, we have diverted soldiers from other organizations to fill our high-priority war-fighting formations. Second, we have for years mortgaged our future readiness, this modernization effort, in order to assure that our soldiers had in the near-term what it takes to fight and win decisively. And finally, given the increased operational tempo because of the more diffuse and more demanding strategic environment, we have leveraged our war-fighting readiness on the backs of our soldiers and their families.”

Shinseki also told lawmakers that data shows the Army needs more people.

Clark said the Navy needs more ships and planes per year to maintain long-term readiness. He said the current rate of between six and seven ships per year is inadequate to sustain the rate called for in the 1997 Quadrennial Defense Review. The Navy needs about 10 ships per year Clark said.

Ryan told the lawmakers that even with the money added to the DoD budget, “that our near-term readiness in the United States Air Force has not turned around. Combat unit readiness has dropped well over 20 percent, and our mission capability rates on our aircraft are down by 10 percent over the last decade.”

He said these decreases in readiness can be attributed to past underfunding of spares, high operations tempo, loss of experienced airmen and an aging aircraft fleet. He said retaining experienced people is a crucial concern to the service as well as modernizing the fleet. “Our aircraft are aging out at a rate that has us very concerned,” he said. “We must recapitalize this force.”

He said the average age of Air Force aircraft is 22 years. “In 15 years it will be nearly 30, even if we execute every mod-

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STAFF SGT. JASON J. BORTZ

Welcome home

Capt. Charles Hinton, H&S Company commander, Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, reunites with his wife Heather and daughters Emily, 1, and Ashton, 2, after returning Sept. 28 from a four month deployment in Southeast Asia.

WIC program to benefit military families overseas, Okinawa included

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A government-sponsored supplemental food and health education program available to stateside military families will soon become available to families overseas as well.

The Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly known as WIC, will begin overseas in early 2001, said Roger W. Hartman, a TRICARE health policy analyst.

“We have folks in the military stateside who are using WIC, but then get orders for overseas duty and lose the benefit. That’s like taking a cut in pay,” he said.

“Congress directed us to make WIC as available to personnel overseas as it is to those in the United States,” he said. “We’re talking fundamentally about pay and money and making supplemental foods available to people where they are not available now — and improving the overall health, diet and nutrition of the family members in the process.”

The Child Nutrition Act of 1966 authorized WIC. Benefits have been available to military families stationed in the United States and its territories since about 1972, Hartman said. A recent amendment to U.S. Code Title 10 allows DoD to extend the program overseas.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture administers the WIC program in the United States. The program focuses on low-income, pregnant women, new mothers, infants and toddlers, he said. Participants receive vouchers at no charge that can be redeemed for specific food products prescribed by health care professionals. The program also offers nutritional education and health counseling services.

WIC participants overseas will need to have access to military medical facilities to obtain nutritional screenings and eligibility determinations. “They will also need access to a food supply, which overseas will be our military commissaries and Navy exchange markets,” Hartman said. While stateside WIC beneficiaries can use

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Near misses prompt warning

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CAMP FOSTER — Two reports of early morning near misses involving runners and automobiles aboard Camp Foster have prompted renewed safety warnings.

Base Order 11240.1B, paragraph 6040, requires all runners to wear reflective vests or belts while exercising during hours of darkness.

Military police officials said violators can be issued a minor offense

report. In addition to the requirement to wear reflective vests, the base order prohibits runners from wearing headphones, earphones or other listening devices when running on or along roadways.

It is imperative that all runners, civilian or military, ensure their safety as well as the safety of each other, said Camp Sergeant Major Herman Raybon in a recent e-mail message sent to encourage leaders to ensure safety regulations are being enforced.

Camp Foster Flea Market Saturday and Sunday, see page 6 for more

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food vouchers in any store that will accept them, DoD has no plans to arrange for voucher use in foreign grocery stores, he added.

TRICARE, medical and Defense Commissary Agency officials will co-manage the overseas WIC program, Hartman said. TRICARE is only a co-manager — the WIC overseas program is not a new TRICARE benefit, he stressed.

WIC office locations on overseas military installations will be determined by the local commands, he added.

About 7 million people living in the United States and its territories use WIC benefits every month, Hartman said. Program benefits will be available to U.S. service members, DoD civilian employees, DoD contractors, and their family members, he said.

Pentagon officials estimate up to 40,000 persons overseas may be eligible to use WIC.

Hartman said the program will be implemented in phases:

- Phase 1: WIC begins early next year at Yokosuka, Japan (Navy); Okinawa, Japan (Marine Corps and Air Force); Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Navy); RAF Lakenheath, England (Air Force); and Baumholder, Germany (Army).

- Phase 2: WIC should be in place by mid-2001 at all remaining overseas sites served by military medical treatment facilities and commissaries and Navy exchange markets. WIC will be offered at remote overseas locations contingent on suitable medical facilities and commissaries and Navy exchange markets.

Some people in truly remote areas won't have access to WIC, Hartman said.

WIC serves 45 percent of all infants born in the United States, Hartman estimated. The eligible populations served include:

- Women throughout pregnancy and up to six weeks after birth or after pregnancy ends.
- Breastfeeding women, up to infant's first birthday.
- Nonbreastfeeding women, up to six months after the infant's birth or after pregnancy ends.
- Infants up to their first birthday.
- Children up to their fifth birthday.

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ernization program we currently have on the fiscally-constrained books," Ryan said. "We've never dealt with a force this old. It has taken an inordinate amount of time, work and money to keep the force air-worthy and ready."

Ryan said the budget means the Air Force is buying about one-third of the aircraft needed to stop the aging of the force, "and we are on a 250-year replacement cycle for our infrastructure, where our people work and live."

Jones said that under the current budget the Marine Corps will reach a "steady state maintenance level," meaning the Marine Corps would never really get to modernize. He also said the way the services buy new equipment means money is wasted. "With regard to acquiring some new systems, we also have to work hard to make sure that we buy them more efficiently," Jones said. "We tend to buy things and then spread them out over long periods of time; then it drives the unit cost up. The V-22 is a good example of that. We can actually, by investing more money towards modernization, acceler-

Hartman said income is a key determinant in WIC program eligibility. Participants gross income must fall at or below 18.5 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines, he noted.

For example, he said, a family of four with an income below \$31,543 would be eligible for WIC benefits. An unmarried pregnant woman who has no other children and who has been determined to be at nutritional risk could qualify for WIC if her annual income falls below \$15,448, he added.

The second major qualifier for WIC eligibility is a nutritional health risk assessment conducted at a medical facility, Hartman continued.



CPL. JASON SCHAAP

Gloria Ackley shops the dairy section of the Camp Foster commissary. Milk and cheese are just some of the products that will be more accessible for some families when the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, better known as WIC, begins here in early 2001.

iron-fortified infant formula and cereal, iron-fortified adult cereal, vitamin-C-rich fruits and vegetable juices, eggs, milk, cheese, peanut butter, dry beans or peas, canned tuna and carrots. They are all high in nutrients such as protein, calcium, iron, or vitamins A and C, Hartman said.

He called WIC's nutritional education and counseling invaluable, though overshadowed by the program's food vouchers.

"I think the educational and counseling pieces of the WIC program are overlooked. They're extremely important, especially if the nutritional deficit is mainly caused by poor dietary habits — this kind of problem often times can be corrected just through education and counseling," he said.

For details on the WIC program, eligibility rules, income tables and more, visit the Department of Agriculture Web site at www.fns.usda.gov/wic/.

ate the full operational capability of some systems, and thereby save a lot of money as well."

Shelton said part of the problem is that Congress has not approved two new Base Realignment and Closure rounds. DoD estimates are that the department would save about \$3 billion per year from closures of unneeded bases. This is money that would go directly to modernization, Shelton said.

That said, even with BRAC money, DoD would need more money. The chiefs estimated that about \$50 billion more per year is needed to fully fund modernization. Shelton said the next Quadrennial Defense Review, set for 2001, would be able to address these numbers better.

All of the chiefs spoke about modernizing the military while at the same time improving service members' quality of life. All stressed that while modernization is important to future readiness, having quality people is crucial. All the chiefs addressed problems of increased operations tempo and all praised the Senate for its work on pay raises, pay table reform and retirement changes.

Division's book review contest rewards Marines

Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — Two Marines from 3rd Marine Division recently earned a few days off by taking the time to enjoy a book.

Cpl. Joseph B. Morgan, training noncommissioned officer, Light Armored Vehicle Company, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd MarDiv, and Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Tramp, intelligence chief, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd MarDiv, received a 96-hour break from their daily duties and a certificate of commendation as recognition for winning the 3rd MarDiv Semi-Annual Book Review contest.

Marines participating in the contest read a book from the U.S. Marine Reading List, previously known as the Commandant's Reading List. Each Marine then submits an essay about the book.

"Reading from the U.S. Marine Reading List teaches the Marines through emulation," said Gunnery Sgt. Barry Thompson, training officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd MarDiv. "They learn ways to become better leaders and improve their tactical skills."

Senior Marines from 3rd MarDiv review the essay submissions and select three winners, one each from the junior officers, staff non commissioned officers and noncommissioned officers. The units that participate in the contest are 4th, 3rd and 12th Marine Regiments, along with the Combat Assault Battalion, Headquarters Battalion 3rd MarDiv, and the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.

Tramp read "Killer Angels," by Michael Shaara. The Pulitzer Prize winning book tells the story of the Battle of Gettysburg. It was touted by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf as "the best and most realistic historical novel about war" he had ever read.

One of the noted characteristics of Shaara's book is its exploration of the burdens of leadership and the lingering weight of mistakes made in combat.

Furthering his military knowledge motivated Tramp to read a book from the reading list.

"I read the book to develop my military education," Tramp said. "I wrote the essay about the book in order to share my views and opinions with others. I feel the contest is a great tool in that it provides a sounding board for Marines to share their ideas and opinions on the materials/books provided by the U.S. Marine Reading List."

Marines interested in presenting their insights on the books in the reading program and assigned to participating units should check with their training sections for further information and deadlines related to the division's essay competition.

The division requests essay submissions about every six months through messages issued to the units' training sections. Changes in the timeline are dependent on the scheduling of large deployments and training operations.

"The most recent contest had fewer entrants than the one before it," Thompson said. "Hopefully by getting more information out and getting the message out sooner we will increase the number of submissions."



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Victim: “My husband attempted to stab me”

“I never spoke up because I was afraid of ruining his career”

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

Editors Note: The following story is of one woman’s struggle to escape an abusive relationship. Her name was changed to protect her privacy.

CAMP BUTLER – It all started for Sara more than six years ago when she married who she thought was “the man of her dreams.” She was unaware the relationship would end in an act of violence.

“I wish I had gotten help sooner. But in order for that to happen, I had to open my mouth and ask,” Sara said. “But at the time I didn’t know the warning signs to look for and I was kind of blinded by that love thing.”

In Sara’s case, as most others, there was no way of knowing her husband had the potential of becoming an abuser.

There is no typical profile, according to Navy Lt. Barry D. Adams, director, Counseling and Advocacy Programs, Marine Corps Community Services. Abusers come from all cultural backgrounds, religions, walks of life and professions. However, most abuse relates to power and control.

“It started off with basic textbook material,” Sara said. “He began with controlling behavior and mental abuse before it turned into an actual physical thing. Mentally, he just started chipping away at my self-esteem; calling me stupid, crazy and making me believe it was all my fault.

“He began pushing me, shoving me and eventually intimidating me by throwing things at me. I kept telling myself that it was an isolated incident and it wouldn’t happen again. Then each time something happened, I kept lowering my standards and the amount of respect I deserved. And of course, he was in the military the whole time, so I never spoke up because I was afraid of ruining his career.”

As the abuse continued, Sara said it became more difficult to come forward because of the embarrassment it would bring. She also said the abuse began isolating her from others.

“I hadn’t told anyone, not my family, not my friends, not anyone,” she said. “I didn’t want my neighbors to know. I really made it a point not to get to know any of my neighbors because I didn’t know how much they could hear through the walls. I didn’t want to face them or answer any questions about what was going on. He had gained control because I was ashamed and embarrassed to come forward.

“We could have had an argument where he blew up and tried to choke me or throw something at me and I would get up and go to work the next morning and pretend like it was a normal day,” Sara said. “I would wear long dresses and concealing clothes to hide my bruises and cuts from the glass of things shattering when he threw them.”

While knowing what was going on was wrong, Sara said she still did not come forward. It took a friend to start involving people who could help her.

“I’m not proud of how I finally got the help I needed, because seeking help wasn’t my own doing,” she said. “Things blew up one night and my husband attempted to stab me, and the friend I was on the phone with at

the time called the military police and came over. I still don’t think I could have called the MPs myself at that time.”

Once the military police were involved, her husband’s command was notified and personnel from the Family Advocacy Program began working for her even though she was still denying the need for help.

“When the MPs got involved, that was the first time his command was made aware that there was any kind of problem,” Sara said. “The command saw my husband as an excellent Marine. They initially just looked at it as he ‘just got upset.’

“I was also being a little stubborn myself,” she said. “The night the MPs were called, Family Advocacy sent out the emergency case worker. When she arrived, I was kind of nasty and ugly and sent her away.”

Officials mandated Sara’s husband move to a barracks room to prevent further violence.

This is a standard precaution in cases like this, according to Dorothy L. Montgomery, victim advocate, Family Advocacy Office. During this time, Montgomery continued to try to get Sara to talk to her.

“She was evasive and we understood why,” said Montgomery, who has been helping abuse victims for more than two years. “But our job is to track cases, whether they accept our help or not.”

Eventually, Montgomery’s persistence paid off and Sara accepted help.

“I have to give Dorothy credit, because after 30 days of trying to get me to talk about it, she finally got me to accept her plea to at least set up an emergency action plan as my spouse was preparing to move back home,” Sara said. “That broke the ice with me and it was probably one of the best things I could have done.

“For me she became an outlet. I hadn’t told anyone what was going on before this,” Sara said. “Dorothy became someone I could talk to about everything that was happening and (share) all of my feelings without being judged. She also put me in touch with women’s groups where I could go to help others by sharing my experiences as well as listening to others.

“Looking ahead, I’ve realized I’ve hit rock bottom and I’ve got nowhere to go but up,” she said. “I’m taking time to make myself whole again and get myself back on my own two feet. I’m going to rebuild my life and I know I’ll be successful.”

Separated from her husband and rebuilding her life, Sara sympathizes with those who are currently stuck in an abusive relationship. She also stressed that

help is available for those who ask for it.

“I think the biggest reassurance I could give is that you have nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about because of his actions,” she said. “You need to realize that you can’t control the choices he makes and you can’t control the consequences of his actions. Sometimes it takes someone else telling you it’s not your fault before you realize it. You have to ask for help and you have to have someone you can talk to and trust before it will get better.”

For more information on domestic violence or to get help for yourself or someone who is being abused, contact the Family Advocacy Office at 645-2915 or the 24-hour hotline at 634-HELP.

Conference attacks domestic violence

New approach places higher priority on prevention and early detection

Sgt. Robert J. Angus

Combat Correspondent

CAMP BUTLER – Marine Corps Family Advocacy representatives met at Camp Pendleton, Calif., Sept. 19-22 to exchange ideas on domestic violence prevention.

The conference was attended by more than 150 representatives. Attendees shared information on what existing programs are working and a Marine Corps Order on Family Advocacy, which is being developed, according to Navy Lt. Barry D. Adams, director, Counseling and Advocacy Programs, Marine Corps Community Services.

“The representatives running the conference were there to listen and learn,” Adams said. “They didn’t really give us many new directives, but let us know what direction Family Advocacy will be taking in the near and distant future.”

According to Adams, the focus of the Family Advocacy Program has changed drastically over the last few years.

“Over the last six years, there has been a major shift in how domestic violence prevention is approached,” Adams said. “The new approach places a higher priority on prevention and early detection instead of just treating abuse after it has happened. The new order and future training will reflect those changes.”

The changes include Corpswide implementation of the methods used by Family Advocacy Programs here, Adams said.

“Domestic violence has five levels of severity,” said Daphne Y. Knight, Family Advocacy supervisor, MCCS. “We try to intervene during levels one and two, before the violence becomes severe. This is a low-level, low-risk approach. Levels three, four and five are very serious and include repeated violence which often uses weapons and can be life-threatening.”

The levels of severity method requires training Marines and Sailors to recognize the early signs of abuse, Knight said.

These indicators of abuse include frequent or unexpected injuries, inconsistent or suspicious explanations for injury, fearfulness of the victim toward an abuser, changes in appropriate behavior, depression and excessive jealousy.

“By changing from treatment only to research and prevention, we have not had any level four and five instances of abuse originating on Okinawa since October 1998,” Adams said. “We have also had fewer level three cases. The program is working very well and is becoming a model for the world.”

“One general consensus everyone came to at the conference is that we need to get together every year to discuss our program,” Adams said. “It’s important for us to share ideas and find out what is working and what isn’t, so we can prevent domestic violence in its earliest forms and stages.”



SGT. ROBERT J. ANGUS

A helping hand

The assistance provided by Dorothy L. Montgomery, left, convinced Sara to seek counseling. Montgomery is a victim advocate at Camp Foster’s Family Advocacy Office. When cases like Sara’s are reported, Montgomery helps victims find information about domestic abuse and links them with support groups which can help victims cope with their situation.

Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

• A private first class assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, was sentenced to six months confinement, forfeiture of all pay, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge at a general court-martial on one specification of Articles 81, conspiracy, 91, underage drinking, and two specifications of Article 121, larceny.

Alcohol-related NJPs III MEF/MCBJ

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Sept. 24-30.

• Being present in an off-base establishment that sold alcohol after midnight

Eight lance corporals with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, were found guilty at battalion-level NJP of violating the mandated off-base drinking curfew. **Punishment:** restriction and extra duties for 14 days and forfeiture of pay ranging from \$263-\$354 for one month.

• Underage drinking

A lance corporal with 3rd MRB, 3rd FSSG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. **Punishment:** forfeiture of \$263 for one month, restriction and extra duties for 60 days.

• Incapacitated for performance of duties through wrongful indulgence of intoxicating liquor

A staff sergeant with Headquarters Battalion, Camp Fuji detachment, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of wrongful indulgence of alcohol. **Punishment:** forfeiture of \$1,121 for two months, restriction and extra duties for 60 days.

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Heavy Metal

Cpl. Dale Dune, assistant gun chief, Battery K, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, unloads an M-198 Howitzer round during an artillery live-fire exercise that took place at Camp Fuji, Japan, Sept. 9-20. The exercise provided the Okinawa-based Marines the opportunity to enhance their combat skills, build unit cohesion and practice their artillery marksmanship.

Community Briefs

MMOA tours Pacific commands

Officers from the Officer Assignment Branch and the Personnel Management Division will visit Western Pacific commands Oct. 16-20. The purpose of the visit is to brief all Marine Officers on assignment policies and procedures, promotions, retention information and other items which affect their careers. Officers will also be offered an opportunity to have a one-on-one interview with their monitor regarding their career and future assignments.

Any officers desiring to schedule an appointment with their monitor may do so by contacting Master Sgt. McDonald at 645-7456 or via email at mcdonaldsj@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

Scheduling will be on a first come, first serve basis.

OSO visits Okinawa

The Officer Selection Team will be aboard Okinawa Oct. 11-13, conducting briefs on enlisted-to-officer programs. The purpose of the visit is to create an interest in officer programs for as many enlisted Marines as possible. All interested Marines should attend one of the following briefs:

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| 11 Oct. | 8 a.m. at the Schwab Theater
1 p.m. at the Hansen Theater |
| 12 Oct. | 8 a.m. at the Courtney Tengan Castle
1 p.m. at the Foster Theater |
| 13 Oct. | 8 a.m. at the Futenma Theater
1 p.m. at the Kinser Theater |

Contact your unit career planner if you have questions.

Flightline Fair 2000

Come out for the "best of the best" with the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma Flightline Fair 2000. Featuring static displays of various aircraft, a wide variety of fine international cuisine, the Motor Show 2000 and live music from local bands, the event is sure to offer something for everyone. The festival takes place tomorrow from 3 p.m. to midnight and Sunday from noon to 10

p.m. and admission is free.

For more information on the MCAS Futenma Flightline Fair, call 645-3253.

Academic Merit Scholarships

The Marine Officers' Spouses Club is now accepting applications for their annual Academic Merit Scholarships for spouses of active duty or retired Marines of any rank. Applicants must be planning to take classes this spring at the undergraduate or graduate level at an American accredited college on Okinawa.

Applications are available at the Marine Gift Shop located behind the theater on Camp Foster. All applications must be received by the scholarship committee no later than Oct. 28. Call Anne Woods at 645-2556 for more information.

Camp Foster flea market

Camp Foster will open its gates to the public Saturday and Sunday for its monthly flea market that takes place the first weekend of each month from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Bargain hunters can browse both new and used merchandise for sale by more than 200 vendors.

The flea market is located at Building 5972 near the Foster Field House athletic complex. Vendor fees vary from \$5 to \$15. There is no charge to shop at the flea market. For additional information, call 645-7241.

Vendor Fair

A Vendor Fair is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 17 at the Camp Butler Officer's Club. The fair will be an opportunity for companies to display their goods and services to members of the U.S. Government involved in all steps of the procurement process, from the end-user to contracting officers. Everyone from all U.S. Government contracting offices on Okinawa are invited to attend the fair. Additionally, personnel from every supply and maintenance section from all branches of the U.S. military are also invited, to include over 1,000 Government Credit Card holders. For further information, call 645-2193.

One leader's call to end domestic violence

Family violence and other forms of abuse against a family member are unacceptable. Spouses and children are the Marine Corps' own and are due the same standards of conduct as active duty service members.

A Marine or Sailor with a superior job performance who abuses a family member is not adhering to the Marine Corps' Core Values.

Marines and Sailors pride themselves on their moral courage when confronted by unjust or illegal behavior.

Family violence is unjust. We would never even think of beating POWs in a wartime scenario, but some will go home and think it is all right to hurt their children and wives.

How does this make sense? How can we have the very best military service in the entire world and continue to let this happen? Family violence is contrary to all we stand for.

Where is the HONOR, COURAGE or COMMITMENT in these acts of cowardice?

For too long, people have silently sat by knowing that innocent victims are being battered by so-called loved ones.

Now is the time for us to speak out against this

type of sick behavior.

The Marine Corps has a program called the Mentors in Violence Prevention. This is a program that consists of a group of men who speak out against acts of violence.

The reason for men speaking out against violence is because statistics show that men, more often than women, commit most cases of reported family violence.

We want to apply peer pressure in a positive way to end this madness together.

A call for a Few Good Men is going out to not only speak out, but to get involved when a fel-

low service member comes to work with signs of batterings.

We need to stamp out this type of behavior because it is wrong and has nothing to do with being a man or a good and decent leader.

Those engaging in family violence must exercise the courage to seek assistance and to stop the abuse.

With a united front we will cleanse our ranks of the cowards that pretend to be one of us.

Sgt. Maj. Keith Jones,
Marine Corps Air Station New River

"A Marine or Sailor with a superior job performance who abuses a family member is not adhering to the Marine Corps' Core Values."

Sgt. Maj. Keith Jones

In a large percentage of domestic abuse cases, poor anger management plays a large role. Some individuals do not know how to control or express anger and tend to bottle it up inside or try to ignore it completely.

Acting as if you are not angry is not an effective way to handle anger. Failing to deal with these types of feelings can cloud your judgment and make it hard to concentrate. The longer you hold your anger in, the more likely you are to lash out at others around you. If this anger is left unchecked, it will eventually lead to violent behavior, which can drive people to commit crimes such as abuse, assault and destruction of property. This behavior in turn will damage relationships.

To keep anger from getting the best of you, learn to deal with it effectively by trying these simple steps:

1. Recognize your anger. Pay attention to the signs and learn how to tell when you are feeling upset.

2. Identify the cause of your anger. There is usually a reason for anger, but until you know what it is, you cannot remedy it.

3. Decide what to do about your anger. Take positive steps to resolve the problem and do not do anything that might harm yourself or anyone else.

— Consolidated Public Affairs Office

Be informed: Five ways to fight domestic violence

Know how to recognize domestic violence

When spouses, intimate partners or dates use physical violence, threats, emotional abuse or stalking to control the behavior of their partner, they are committing domestic violence.

A recent survey conducted by the National Institute of Justice of 8,000 men and 8,000 women found that 25 percent of women and 7.6 percent of men reported an intimate partner had assaulted them during their lifetime.

Examine cultural beliefs and attitudes

Question stereotypes and common beliefs. Challenge myths. No victim ever wants to be assaulted. Pay attention to the language and attitudes around you.

It is important that we begin to see how our culture impacts our lives and allows us to be bullies and use violent and abusive behavior to get our way or

what we want.

It is difficult to accept that the culture that makes "them" also makes "us," and it is up to us to do something about them.

Be supportive of victims

Allow them to express their feelings. No one "over-reacts" to an assault. Validate their perspective. If they say this or that scared them, then it did. They certainly don't need you to tell them they are wrong.

Help the person being hurt to recognize and sort through their options, put them in touch with an advocate who will support and encourage them.

Call for help

If you are being battered - or you know someone who is - report the abuse. Speak out and call the police, family service center or domestic violence hotline. Don't be afraid to ask for im-

mediate help. Domestic violence is a crime, not a private family matter.

Anyone experiencing domestic violence has the right to go to court and request an order of protection regardless of whether they can afford it or not.

There are hundreds of services and programs available to victims of domestic violence.

Realize that domestic violence Affects us all

The justice system is struggling with an increasing number of cases relating to domestic violence.

The business community suffers a loss of employee productivity and absenteeism because of domestic violence.

When victims require medical care, we all pay - either through increased cost of health insurance or our tax dollars used to reimburse hospitals for uninsured clients who cannot pay.

Children who witness domestic violence are also victims and suffer from

behavioral and cognitive problems. Boys, especially, are more likely to be aggressive and engage in criminal activity if they grow up in homes where domestic violence exists.

If they are not our children, then they will become the dating partner or spouse of our children.

We all need to take steps to end this national problem. Volunteer your time to help victim services programs. Support your local shelter. Speak out to challenge prejudice and misperception.

Help stop the violence now.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact one of these numbers:

Personal Services Center
645-2357
Personal Services Chaplain
645-2104
Family Advocacy Office
645-2917

STREET TALK

"How can the military community help reduce domestic violence incidents?"



2nd Lt. Joseph
Fonanelli, 1st
Stinger Battery,
1st MAW

"Education and command participation...also have stress relieving activities such as paintball."



Virginia
Campos,
military
spouse

"Communication, compromise, love and understanding are things spouses could work on to reduce domestic violence."



MGySgt. Raul
Rodriguez,
H&S Bn, 3rd
FSSG

"Keep providing more information and education on abuse awareness."



Jennifer
Baun, military
spouse

"I don't think there is really much more the military can do besides, maybe, be stricter on a person who's guilty of domestic violence."



Recruiters enlist popular sporting event to attract the next generation of Marines

Sgt. Steven F. Gatlin

Recruiting Station San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — The top extreme athletes in the world recently biked, boarded and bladed their way into the San Francisco Bay Area for yet another edition of the ESPN Extreme Games, and the Marine Corps was right there with them.

Before an audience of millions, the Corps once again paid top dollar to present itself live and on television.

“This event is all about public awareness,” said Cathy Auslander, account representative, J. Walter Thompson, the Marine Corps’ advertising agency.

There were Marine banners posted throughout the pier, and there was a booth on site near the entrance. Spectators filed two lines that spanned six city blocks, and the Marines were there to greet the thousands who poured through the gates of Piers 30 and 32 for the free event.

Meanwhile, Marine recruiting commercials broadcasted nationwide as the games aired. This event has introduced many young men and women to the Marines.

Before spectators watched the events, Marines challenged them to raise the bar. Males attempted chin-ups, while females tried their luck at the flexed-arm hang.

Those with the highest scores each day earned Marine Corps skateboards made specifically for the X Games. Other skateboards went to raffle winners as each day ended.

“This is the best way to get us in front of our target market,” said Staff Sgt. Vincent Abeyta, a Recruiting Station San Francisco recruiter. “We are out here all day long with kids coming up and wanting to talk to us. This type of booth lets us interact with kids that may not otherwise want to talk to us because we are in the military; even if it’s just for a few moments before they move on.”

Recruiters and staff from around the 12th District manned the booth. One person from each recruiting station flew in to support the event, and Bay Area recruiters and staff worked the main shifts. One challenge presented to the Corps this year was in booth design. In years past there were pull-up bars stationed several feet out in front of the allowed 10-foot by 10-foot area.

Complaints from other sponsors about crowd control forced J. Walter Thompson to construct a booth that incorporated pull-up bars in its design, as well as allowed room for maneuverability for Marines working in it.

When the games were over, almost 4,700 people got on the bar, and 3,600 of those were age-qualified or coming-of-age participants.



CAPT. GAVINO RIVAS

A visitor to the X-Games shows the strain from taking the Marine Corps Chin-Up Challenge. Nearly 4,700 people stepped up the the challenge over the week-long event



CAPT. GAVINO RIVAS

Marines from 12th Marine Corps District stand ready for the crowds visiting ESPN's X-Games.

31st MEU Marines learn the ropes

Marines and Sailors conduct quick insertion training in preparation for qualification

Sgt. Bryce R. Piper

31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Public Affairs

ABOARD THE USS ESSEX — Marines with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit conducted fast-rope training Sept. 25 while underway aboard the *USS Essex* Amphibious Ready Group. The Marines and Sailors are currently preparing for the second Special Operations Capable qualification exercise of 2000.

“Fast-roping is a valuable tool that we have in the Marine Corps,” said Cpl. Robert T. Hennessy. Hennessy is a Helicopter Rope Suspension Training Master with Weapons Co., 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, the ground combat element of the 31st MEU.

“It’s a way to insert combat troops into a landing zone that (helicopters) can’t land in, and it inserts them quickly and efficiently,” Hennessy said.

When fast-roping, Marines loaded with combat gear slide down a thick rope into an insertion point. Usually practiced from high towers on land, fast-roping presents unique opportunities to Marines training aboard a ship.

“An advantage to fast-roping on ship is you get to do it out of a real helo,” Hennessy said. “The Marines see what it’s going to be like coming out of the helo before they actually go and do it. Some of the towers have simulated helos on them, but they’re nothing like actually sitting in a real helo.”

MEU Marines conducted the training aboard *USS Junau* and *USS Essex*. For the training, the Marines placed the tail end of a CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter over the ship’s huge, lowered hangar elevators. The Marines then fast-rope to the lower deck as if the helicopter were airborne. The training is as close to the real thing as possible without using an airborne helicopter.

Fast-roping is used for a number of real-world missions, according to Hennessy, including Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel, reconnaissance and scout/sniper missions.

“TRAP is a second proficiency we have to be spun up on all the time,” Hennessy said.

But fast-roping is only one of many skills the Marines must be proficient in. Hennessy said the insertion technique “depends on the type of conflict and environment the Marines encounter. It’s more likely to be used than Special Patrol Insert Extract and rappelling. But in the desert environment, there’s no use for it. The only time we’d use it is in a jungle environment or rooftop insertion, things like Military Operations in Urban Terrain.” Fast-roping capability is extremely important in the event the MEU finds itself one day operating in the thick Southeast-Asia vegetation or within an urban environment in the same region.

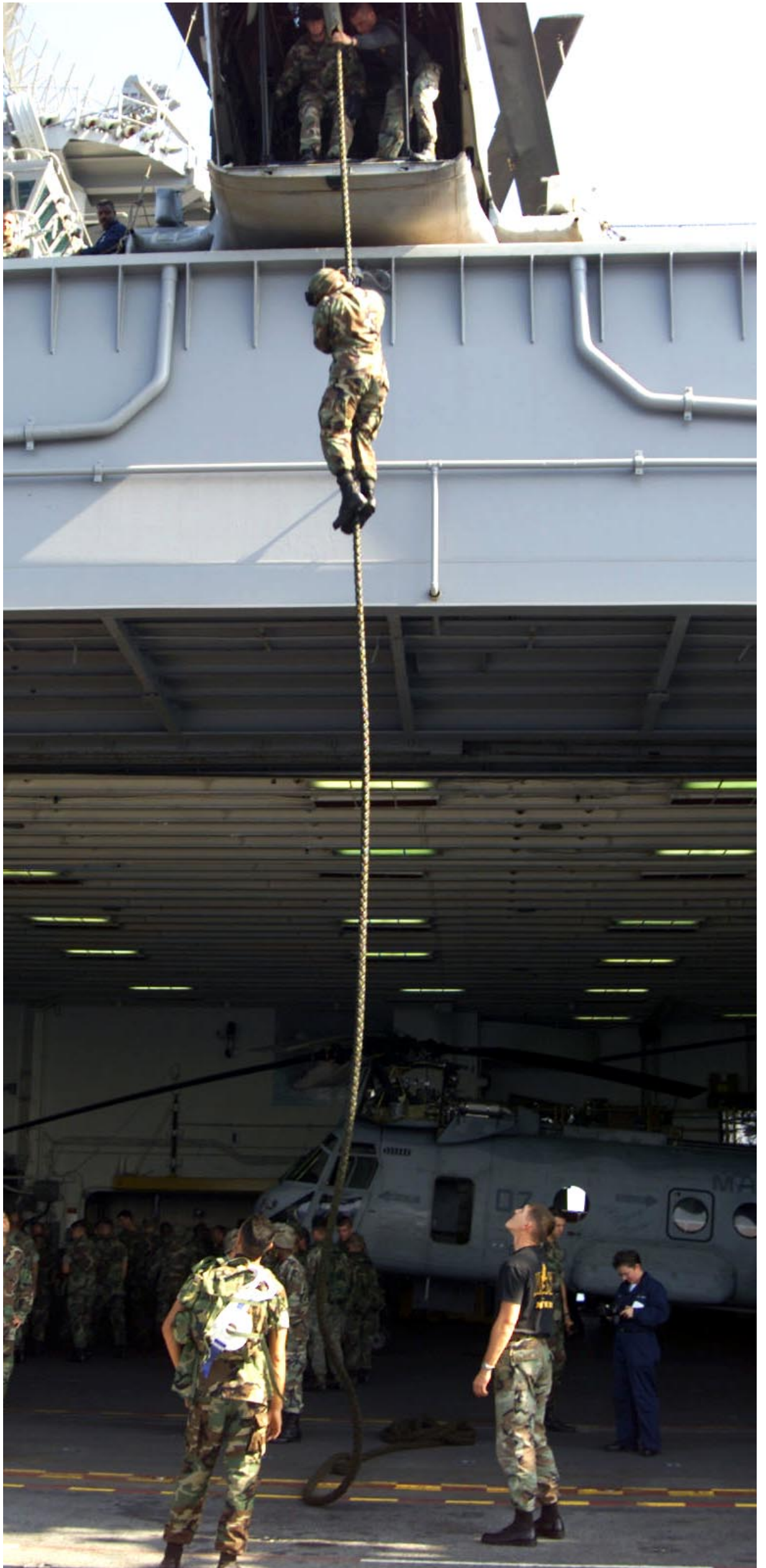
Fast-rope training is usually performed from land-based towers, landing on areas such as sand or sawdust. But a ship’s deck is a much harder surface.

“The deck’s hard,” Hennessy said. “There’s a higher risk of injury due to the hard surface. But if you’re going into a MOUT environment, the deck’s going to be hard too, so it’s a good thing because you get used to hitting the hard surface.”

Despite what sounds like dangerous training to some, fast-roping is both simple and safe, according to Hennessy. “Injuries come out to maybe one in fifty,” Hennessy said. “You’ll get one in fifty just walking down the stairs.” No one was injured in this exercise.

“Fast roping is a fairly easy skill,” Hennessy said. “It’s a simple skill. It’s signals, it’s hands and feet on a rope, and you slide down the rope. There’s nothing to it. It’s good to have your lock-out techniques down. Some people forget. That’s the most common thing forgotten.” Lock-out techniques allow a Marine to stop his descent.

Fast-rope training is only one of the many skills the Marines maintain underway during the deployment as the MEU prepares for SOCEX. It’s one of the simple, yet key techniques that keep the 31st MEU prepared to fulfill its mission.



SGT. BRYCE R. PIPER

Marines with Weapons Co., 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, the ground combat element for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit conduct fast-rope training while deployed aboard *USS Essex*. The MEU is training for the second Special Operations Capable qualification Exercise of 2000.

Mechanics keep III MEF rolling



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Lance Cpls. William A. Gordon (left) and Ryan S. Hill replace a fuel injection pump on a High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle. Both Marines work at Motor Transport Maintenance Company, 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group.



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Lance Cpl. Ryan S. Hill, mechanic, Motor Transport Maintenance Company, 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, loosens up the bolts around a fuel injection pump on a Humvee.

Whether fixing heavy trucks or Humvees, this maintenance company accomplishes the mission

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Webb

Combat Correspondent

CAMP KINSER—No matter if they are pulling an engine out of a five-ton truck or replacing a transmission on a Logistics Vehicle System, the Marines at Motor Transport Maintenance Company, 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group know their way around the garage.

With a force of 150 Marines in their unit, the Marines of MTM Co. can fix almost any motor maintenance problems that emerge within III Marine Expeditionary Force.

They can fix all variations of five-ton trucks, LVS's and High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles, according to Master Sgt. Jeffrey M. Walk, motor maintenance chief, MTM Co.

The unit also provides support to III MEF motor transport units using two contact teams. The mobile team can perform vehicle repairs on the spot, anywhere on Okinawa or at another unit's repair facility.

Each contact team is staffed with approximately three Marines who can evaluate damage to a vehicle and save repair cycle time by addressing the problem without bringing it back to their own facility. Readiness within III MEF motor transport is improved because repairs are made quickly. Even though some repairs can be made on the spot, there is still a need to bring some vehicles back to the company for complex repairs. That's where the rest of the Marines at MTM Co. get the opportunity to get their hands dirty. Marines who work at the 48,000

square-foot facility, which contains 16 repair bays, are not limited to the same job every-day.

"A Marine that comes here is taught how to fix all types of vehicles," Walk said. "They are not just limited to one type. He can work on a Humvee today, a five-ton tomorrow and an LVS the next day."

Despite only learning basic repair skills at their entry-level school, the Marines here are taught immediately by the more experienced mechanics how to repair any vehicle.

"When I came here four months ago, all I knew how to do was second echelon maintenance," said Lance Cpl. Jabbar D. Bryant, mechanic, MTM Co. "But this is a third echelon facility, so we work with all different types of trucks."

"Every Friday is training day. Everyone receives four hours of (repair) MOS training. If we are having a repair problem in a certain area, that is what we train on," Walk said.

According to Walk, MTM Co. hit an all time high in March with 90 vehicles that needed to be repaired. MTM Co. also had a turn around time of 40 days. But after months and many extra hours of work each day, MTM Co. Marines improved III MEF readiness by cutting their turn around time to an average of 12.9 days in August.

They even lend a hand to other units when requested who fall behind on their schedule with overflow organizational maintenance. Construction on a more modern and larger repair facility for the unit is expected to begin in January and be completed in 2002.

3/12 clears way to friendship

Pfc. Keith R. Meikle

Combat Correspondent

EAST FUJI MANEUVER AREA, Japan – Marines from 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, set aside their time to complete two community help projects for some of their Japanese friends Sept. 26 and 27.

One of the institutions that received leatherneck assistance, Yamanaka Sebi, was once as an orphanage. In early 2000, all the children relocated to Tokyo leaving just the sisters who now run the institution.

The Marines have had a strong relationship with the orphanage dating back to 1953 and wanted to continue it with the sisters.

“We really wanted to do something for the orphanage because it is important for us to maintain our longstanding relationship that 3/12 has had for so long,” said Sgt. Maj. David J. Scharnhorst, 3/12 sergeant major.

The Marines removed old playground equipment installed by Marines several years ago, which is unused now since the children are gone.

“Now that the children are gone the (playground) tires are of no use and are creating a mosquito problem because we can’t maintain them,” said Sister Kawashimo Maria.

“It was great going out and helping the sisters and doing manual labor that they cannot do themselves,” said Cpl. Oliver P. Schiess, radar technician, 3/12. “It gave us a chance to get outdoors and help someone less fortunate than ourselves.”

After their work for the Yamanaka Sebi sisters, the Marines took their strength to Gotemba Colony, a home for the mentally challenged.

At the home, Marines dismantled a platform, cut firewood from fallen branches, removed a log fence and piled stacks of lumber. Much of the work the Marines performed was strenuous activity.

“A lot of the work we did really wouldn’t get done if we didn’t do it, just because they don’t have the



PFC. KEITH R. MEIKLE

(right) 1st Lt. Waco Lane, liaison officer, Battery K, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, cuts timber for Gotemba Colony during a community relation event Sept. 27.

personnel,” said Lance Cpl. Jess L. Hockley, target processor, 3/12 Fire Direction Center.

The community projects did not just benefit those being helped, but they also boosted the Marines’ morale.

“Events like this give our Marines a chance to do good things for the community, while at the same time

they can feel really good about themselves and what they are doing,” Scharnhorst said. “It’s really a two-way street.”

“Going out to help the community made me feel very good and was more productive than just sitting back in the barracks,” said Lance Cpl. Peter R. Shegryn, radar technician, 3/12.

Okinawans thank Marines for volunteer service

Local nursing home honors 7th Comm with food, fun at community celebration

Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP HANSEN — The friendly relationship between the Hikarega Oka Nursing Home and 7th Communications Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary

Force, was celebrated traditionally Sept. 15 during the nursing home’s annual community festival.

The event was an opportunity for the staff and residents of the nursing home to thank the Marines and Sailors for their continued service to the home.

Col. Michael O’Neal, camp commander, Camp Hansen, and Lt. Col. Mark M. Kauzlavich, commanding officer, 7th Comm. Bn., enjoyed an evening filled with traditional Japanese foods and entertainment.

Also representing the Marine Corps were Maj. Mark Lamczyk, deputy camp commander, Camp Hansen, and several other Marines and Sailors from 7th Comm. Bn.

They were all treated to a meal of yakisoba and teriyaki chicken kabobs as they watched taiko drummers and other traditional Japanese musical performances.

Marines from the battalion’s Headquarters and Service Company presented the nursing home with three new lawn mowers, several rakes, a leaf blower and a hedge trimmer.

The new equipment was purchased through donations within the Marines.

Kin Town community representatives presented the Marines with tokens of appreciation for their volunteer efforts at the home.

Each Marine attending the festival was recognized

with a Shi-sa, commonly known as “shi-shi,” bottle.

The nursing home director, Dr. Haruo Ginoza, presented O’Neal with a pair of porcelain Shi-sa dogs.

Kauzlavich also accepted a plaque in appreciation of the battalion’s volunteer work in the community.

Hikarega Oka Nursing Home sits quietly by the ocean just 15 kilometers south of Camp Hansen.

Many of the home’s residents have spent their lives in the surrounding Kin Town area.

While the small staff here moves across patios and grassy courtyards tending to the needs of these seniors, there is little time to take care of the home’s hedges and lawn.

In an effort to help the staff and residents of the home take care of its lawn, Marines from 7th Comm. Bn, volunteer about twice a month to take care of basic ground keeping, maintenance and other similar projects around the home.

“The work is all volunteer, so it is very fulfilling to see the fruits of our labor evident here in the expressions on the residents’ faces,” said Gunnery Sgt. Steven Pruett, classified materials systems coordinator, Headquarters and Service Company, 7th Comm. Bn.

“You can see that they appreciate the work we do, even through the language barrier.”



CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Young and old Okinawans unite to treat Marine representatives from 7th Communications Battalion to a celebration for the volunteer help they give to the Hikarega Oka Nursing Home in Kin Town.

Bump-set-spike

Camp Schwab host Beach Volleyball Challenge



CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Sgt. Jason Minns knuckles the ball over during the USO/AT&T Beach Volleyball Challenge held at Oura Wan Beach Sept. 23.

Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell

Combat Correspondent

CAMP SCHWAB — Service members and their families hit the beach Sept. 23 for the USO/AT&T Beach Volleyball Challenge.

The free event featured a 3-on-3 volleyball tournament, free food, music, games and prizes.

“This was our second volleyball event this month on Camp Schwab’s Oura Wan Beach,” said Kathy Hayes, marketing director, USO-Japan. “I was delighted to see so many people come out and enjoy a day in the sun.”

Twenty-four teams participated in the volleyball tournament. Round robin competition using rally-point scoring was used during the tournament.

“Rally-point scoring basically means that whoever makes a mistake gives up the point,” said Pfc. Michael Mitchell, player with team Jack Daniels. “Serving can kill you in rally-point games.”

Following the round robin competition, the top four teams from each court played out the double elimination part of the tournament. After nearly six hours of volleyball games, three teams walked away with prizes.

Third place went to Cell Block C. The Poi Pounders took second place and top

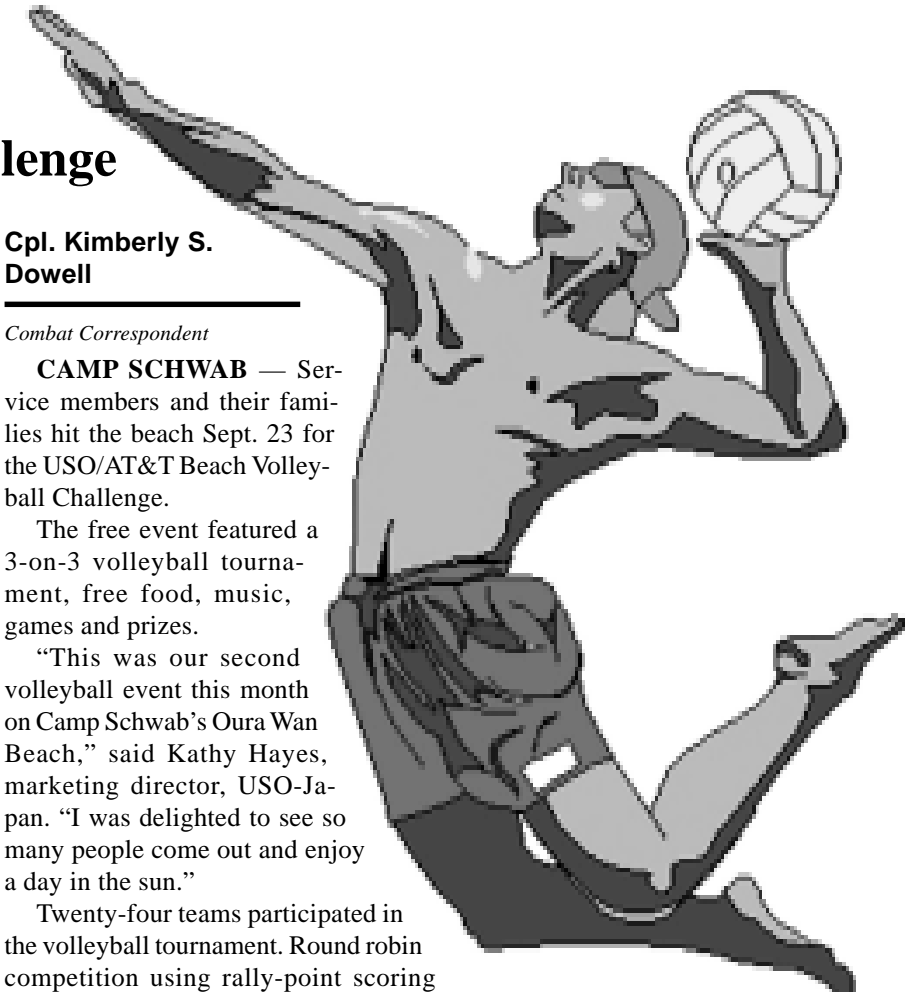
honors went to Grumpy Old Matt’s.

Many of the tournament players said Cell Block C took the tournament with a strong combination of teamwork and hitting skills on the frontline.

“They had some really strong hitters and good communication,” Mitchell said.

The tournament ended with an awards ceremony for the winners.

The next USO sponsored 3-on-3 volleyball tournament will take place at Torii Station Beach Oct. 21.



Junior golfers receive help from a PGA pro

Lance Cpl. Josh P. Vierela

Combat Correspondent

AWASE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE — Awase Meadows Junior Golf program here received a helping swing from a PGA golf pro Sept. 26.

Michael Falk raised money for the program when he played 100 holes of golf at the Awase Meadows Golf Course.

Michael Falk and his staff raised money by going door-to-door and receiving pledges for money.

“We beat the streets asking for donations,” Falk said.

Earning over several thousand dollars from pledges, the proceeds will be shared by the PGA and Awase Meadows Golf Course, according to Falk.

People who pledged more than \$100 will get a one-year free subscription to Golf Digest, while those who pledged \$25 will receive 70 percent off a one-year subscription.

Falk, who also teaches golf at Awase, said he wants to promote excitement among junior golfers on the island.

To help promote excitement, he

completed 100 holes of golf in 9 hours averaging approximately 18 holes an hour and taking only two 20-minute breaks during the day.

Two staff members, playing alongside him in the “speed golf game”, accompanied Falk during his play.

“We made good time, usually it takes four hours and 20 minutes to play 18 holes of golf,” Falk said.

Falk, who has just finished his second year on Okinawa, was aided by golf carts, which enabled him and his staff members to keep a fast pace.

“The hardest thing about the day was the physical aspect, being out in the sun all day starts to get to you,” Falk said.

The PGA holds fundraisers for junior golf programs throughout the United States to help develop junior golfers. The junior golfers program includes high school golfers and any other young golfer.

The money raised will be used to purchase new equipment for the program.

If interested in playing or contributing to the growth of junior golf on Okinawa contact the main Awase Meadows Golf Course office, 645-3752.



LANCE CPL. JOSH P. VIERELA

Michael Falk, PGA member at the Awase Meadows Golf Course, lines up his shot to sink a 13-foot putt on the first hole.

“I love it; I don’t think they understand how much we appreciate this.” — Jason Roe



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Josh Kiser, left, 8th grader at Lester Middle School, and Jason Roe, 10th grader at Kubasaki High School, simultaneously perform a skateboard trick called an "ollie" off a launch ramp at the new Extreme Skatepark which opened on Camp Kinser Sept. 29.

Extreme athletes head South

Kids thrilled over successful lobbying effort by community group to get skatepark built

Staff Sgt. Jason M. Webb

Combat Correspondent

CAMP KINSER — Christmas came a little earlier than expected for skateboarders, rollerbladers and bikers here. The skatepark they have been asking base officials to build for more than a year opened for business Sept. 29.

The new Extreme Skatepark was officially dedicated during a ceremony at Roberts Field here as a crowd of more than 100 anxious rollerbladers, skateboarders, bikers and parents looked on.

Within seconds of camp commander Col. Paul Puckett’s dedication speech, a rush of children and Marines tackled the obstacles with delight.

“I love it, I don’t think they understand how much we appreciate this,” said Jason Roe, a two-and-a-half year veteran of skating and 10th grader at Kubasaki High School.

The Extreme Skatepark has been a major issue here since parents and skaters first mentioned their interest at a town hall meeting last year. Illegal skating in the streets and skating in the fire lanes around the housing towers fueled the issue.

“We have a large population of children on Kinser,” said Cindy McGarvie, community services coordinator, Camp Kinser Marine Corps Community Services. “The community came together to present a brief to Col. Puckett at the town hall meeting.”

According to Josh Kiser, an eighth grader at Lester Middle School and skateboarder for one year, he and his friends attended all the town hall meetings and wore shirts reading “legalize skateboards” to promote

and voice their view of the future skatepark.

With feedback from the community, the skatepark initiative was started in August 1999.

After months of planning and research, two 40-foot containers arrived from Boulder, Colorado with all the makings of a skatepark.

In just a few days after offloading all the pieces, the Extreme Skatepark was bolted together and took shape.

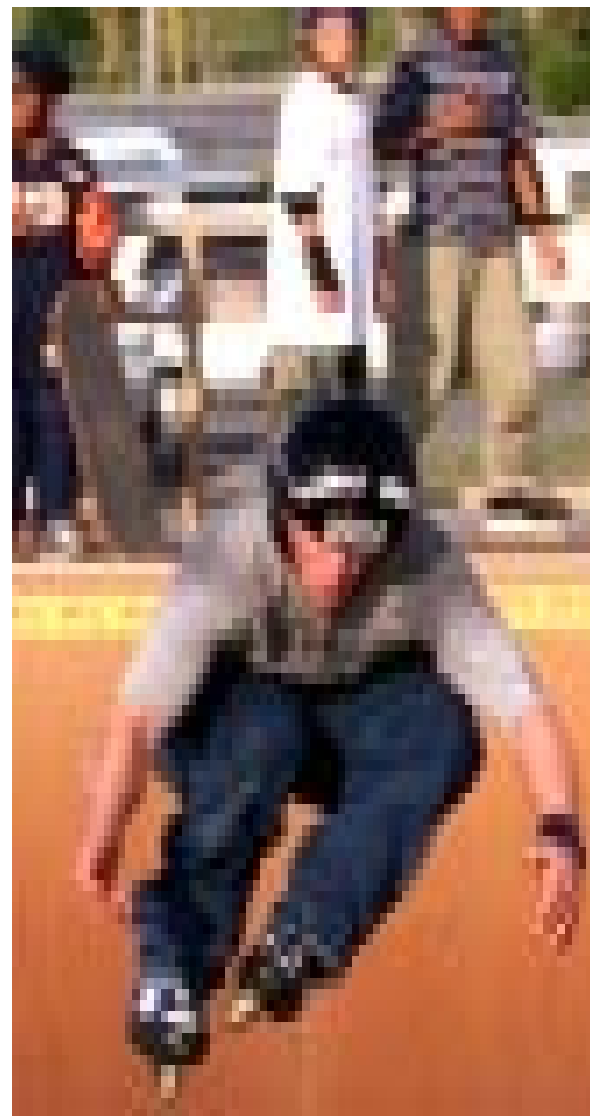
Soon after, crowds gathered while installers changed the flat bare parking lot into a ramp island of peaks and valleys.

“This is my favorite part of what we do, seeing the kids swarming around with excitement waiting for the job to be finished,” said Matt Demers, sales representative with Mountainramp Inc., the manufacturer of the ramps for the skatepark.

Emotions grew from anticipation to excitement once all the pieces were put in place. A myriad of obstacles dotted the once bare parking lot. The completed task of a six-foot half-pipe, three-foot quarter-pipe, a fun box with launch ramps, grind rails, spine ramps and a 25-foot wedge awaited the opening ceremony’s skaters and BMXers.

“Most people think that it’s all high school-aged kids skating,” said Demers. “The reality is most of the kids are from 5 to 10. We want to get the kids involved to give them a sense of ownership, and I’m happy that the military saw and filled the need for the skaters.”

The park is already scheduled to see future improvement in the next few months by adding a 10-foot fence around the perimeter.



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Using his inline skates to catch some air, a Marine shows his stuff at the new Extreme Skatepark on Camp Kinser.

The Marketplace



Automobiles/ motorcycles

1987 Toyota Carina — JCI Sep 02, \$1,500. 637-3331
1996 Honda CR 80 — \$1,000; **1997 Kawasaki KX 60** — \$800. 973-1988.
1991 Mazda Eunos — JCI Jul 01, \$2,000. 646-6268.
1991 Honda Ascot — JCI Apr 02, \$2,800. 622-5308.
1992 Nissan Skyline — JCI Nov 02, \$2,500 OBO. 623-5866, or 623-4657.
1990 Honda Ascot — JCI May 02, \$2,200 OBO. Carl, 645-7611.
1985 Toyota MR-2 — JCI Jul 02, \$1,100 OBO; **1990 Toyota Hi-Lux Surf** — JCI Jun 01. Jim, 644-4395, or Andrea, 645-9172/4585.
1990 Toyota Carina — JCI Aug 01, \$1,400 OBO. Will, 625-3823
1989 Honda Civic — JCI Aug 02, \$1,500 OBO. John, 646-3073.
1995 Harley Davidson Sportster — JCI Sept 02, \$5,300 OBO. 637-3239.
1988 Nissan Bluebird — JCI March 01, \$750. 636-5028 after 5 p.m.
1985 Mitsubishi Pajero — JCI May 02. Joe, 636-4708 or 090-2963-8409.
1988 Mitsubishi Mirage — JCI Feb 02, \$1,000. 637-4626.
1987 Nissan Prairie — JCI May 02, \$1,500. 637-4626.
1993 Kawasaki KX 125 — \$1,800 OBO. 625-5391.
1993 CBR 900RR — \$5,000 OBO. Travis, 637-3836 or 090-7382-7313.
1992 Nissan Pulsar GTi-R — JCI March 02, make offer. 090-8356-9814.
1986 Toyota Hi-Ace Super Custom — JCI June 02, \$1,500. 633-1019.
1989 Nissan Skyline GTS-T — JCI Aug 02, \$2,500. Jim, 646-3434.
1986 Honda Prelude — JCI May 01, free. 637-3016 or 637-2185.
1987 Toyota Van — JCI Jun 02, \$2,300 OBO. 646-3166 or 645-2994.
1989 Nissan Skyline — JCI Jun 01, \$1,900 OBO. 637-5239 or 637-2117.
1988 Mitsubishi Delica — JCI Oct 00, \$600 OBO. 646-8348 or 645-2877.
1989 Toyota Lite Ace — JCI Aug 02, \$2,500. 637-5131.
1992 Honda Vigor — JCI Sep 01, \$3,000 OBO. 637-4479 or 645-3979.
1987 Toyota Carina — JCI Sep 02, \$1,500. 637-3331.



Miscellaneous

Kitten — 6-month-old black male named Douglas; microchipped, fixed, shots, kennel incl. 633-3463.
Misc. — Weight lifting and fitness system, \$100; Nordicsport treadmill, \$80. 633-9029.
Misc — 1997 Cannondale R600 road bike, \$900. SSgt. Ortiz, 623-7008.
Lost and Found — 2-piece wedding band lost at Foster Commissary. Reward available, 646-5624.
Misc. — KidCo Configure Gate w/ 3 extensions, \$270. Jennifer, 622-8412.
Pet — JKC registered Golden Retriever Puppy and kennel, \$400 OBO. 098-934-6354.
Misc. — IBM-PS1 dotmatrix B/W printer, \$20. 646-6460.
Pet — Rottweiler, 7-months-old, male w/accessories, \$300 OBO. 622-8554.
Misc. — Baby crib, full size, \$50; Navy blue Carpet, 6X9, \$50. 646-4923.
Misc. — Samsung DVD/VCD/CD player w/5 speakers, \$350; Sega Dreamcast w/4 games \$180; e-mail at jay3_hey@yahoo.com.
Scuba gear — Older Buoyancy Control Device, \$40; Scuba Diving Console, \$200. Jim, 646-4905.
Misc. — Comforter, \$15; George Foreman Lean Mean Grill Mach, \$40; women's med black leather jacket, \$45; women's med suede leather jacket, \$40; two large brass plant pots, \$8 each; two maple end tables, \$15 each; Hose w/reel, \$15; creme lamp, \$10; Assorted VHS movies, \$5 each; \$40; Oyster breadmaker, \$80; two stenciled stools, \$15, phone, \$5; videotape holder, \$10; assorted infant clothes; Classic Pooh decorative wall border, \$12; Fisher Price Slumbertime Soother w/ remote control, \$15; Pooh voice-activated musical crib light, \$10; portable baby changing pad, \$10; women's professional suits, \$35 each. Jennifer, 622-8412.
Misc. — Wrought iron custom made canopy bed, \$300; black frame computer desk, \$50; Phillips Magnavox 20" color TV w/remote, \$50. 646-4618.
Misc. — Beige curtains, \$50; baby snugly bouncer, \$15; two snugly baby carriers, \$7, \$10. 622-8160.



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Fri Bait (R); 7:00, 10:00
Sat The Kid (PG); 1:00, 4:00
Sat Bait (R); 7:00, 10:00
Sun The Kid (PG); 1:00, 4:00
Sun Bait (R); 7:00
Mon Big Moma's House (PG13); 7:00
Tue Big Moma's House (PG13); 7:00
Wed The Patriot (R); 7:00
Thu The Patriot (R); 7:00

Courtney (622-9616)

Fri The Patriot (R); 7:00
Sat Road Trip (R); 7:00
Sun Mission Impossible 2 (PG13); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed
Wed The Kid (PG); 2:00
Wed Big Moma's House (PG13); 7:00
Thu Closed

Futenma (636-3890)

Fri The Perfect Storm (PG13); 7:30
Sat Gladiator (R); 7:30
Sun The Kid (PG); 7:30
Mon Road Trip (R); 7:30
Tue Closed
Wed Bait (R); 7:30
Thu Closed

Hansen (623-4564)

Fri The Art of War (R)
Sat The Art of War (R)
Sun Boys and Girls (PG13)
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Tue Big Moma's House (PG13)
Wed Me, Myself and Irene (R)
Thu Me, Myself and Irene (R)
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Fri Gone In 60 Seconds (PG13); 6:30, 9:30
Sat Pokemon The Movie 2000 (G); 1:00
Sat The Patriot (R); 5:30, 8:30
Sun Pokemon The Movie 2000 (G); 2:00
Sun The Patriot (R); 4:30, 8:30
Mon Mission Impossible 2 (PG13); 7:00
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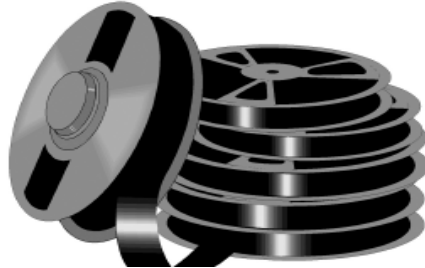
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Fri The Patriot (R); 7:00
Sat Pokemon The Movie 2000 (G); 3:00
Sat The Patriot (R); 7:00, 11:00
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Wed The Patriot (R); 7:00
Thu Big Moma's House (PG13); 7:00

Schwab (625-2333)

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